14: Krauss--176 [3] E-5 (no date) 1888 Yakut
116, 756, 766, 532, 177

When a male or female shaman dies, the corpse is wrapped up in a kuma and put in a piece of wood. At the head a wooden image is put which is supposed to represent a falcon; at the feet a cuckoo, and at either hip an idol which is to indicate that the spirits carry the soul of the shaman away into their realm. The shaman's corpse is not buried, but exposed on high posts at a free place, or on a tree. Such a place is called chorcach.

I succeeded in finding such a grave in the northern part of Verchojan, and in getting hold of iron parts of the decomposed kuma. As a rule the defunct gets his best garment, sometimes also some furs and a cap. A pipe and a tobacco-pouch is put in his hands; at his feet he has a wooden dish with a meal. In some of the graves I found several iron tools which the defunct had used in manufacturing chamois leather out of deer skin; furthermore bows with arrows, and spears for bear-hunting. According to Pripuzov's statements, the Christian funeral custom is beginning to become familiar also with the shamans.

18: Priklonski--83 [3] E-5 (no date) 1891 Yakut
116, 756, 766, 775

In the village I learned that only shamans had been buried on trees in recent times. In their lifetime their only concern had been spiritual affairs, so that they had to be buried somewhere nearer the heaven even after their deaths. This conception does not equalize the shamans to inhabitants of heaven, but only means that he must not be locked up in the earth who in his lifetime was connected with it only by tender ties. They were buried in the woods at an inaccessible place so that one should come near it as rarely as possible. Just as the shaman, as long as he was alive, had the gift to harm a personal enemy for personal revenge, just as well his soul, freed of the body, may trouble the survivors after the shaman's death. Not a single native, and not even a Russian born in the Yakutsk region would venture to approach the grave of a shaman or even to touch it.

18: Priklonski--83 [4] E-5 (no date) 1891 Yakut
116, 764, 766, 823

Graves in wooden boats (lodje) put upon wooden pegs I saw on the Sagstyr island. The corpses in all of the some twelve graves were so arranged that their heads pointed to northwest; they lay on the left side of the body. They were dressed and equipped as mentioned above. At their feet (with hardly one exception) there was a little dish filled with groats, and a small wooden spoon. Those buried in the boats had an oar and a scoop of the kind which is used by sailors to rid a boat of water.

Children are buried like adults, except that they are taken away on little sledges, and that they are left in the cradles where they had grown up and died. On children's graves one can still see their toys lying on the top.